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Dr. Monica M. Bertagnolli
Director
National Institutes of Health
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Dear Dr. Bertagnolli:

On behalf of the [Nursing Community Coalition \(NCC\)](#), we congratulate you on your confirmation as the 17th Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss shared goals. As a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession, the Nursing Community Coalition recognizes the critical contributions made by nurses, including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs),¹ to deliver high-quality, lifesaving, and preventive health care. Translational research by our nation's nurses and scientists is central to this innovative and impactful work.

Scientific endeavors funded at NIH are essential to advancing the health of individuals, families, and communities. You have witnessed this firsthand in your clinical oncology work, as Director of the National Cancer Institute, and through many other initiatives that transformed cancer research. Your background as a surgeon further underscores the integral connection between science and practice and how today's research can translate into tomorrow's cures. The NCC has a long tradition of working with NIH and NINR to help elevate nursing research and nurse scientists, especially as we address and eliminate health disparities and support the health of all communities.

The unique partnership the Nursing Community Coalition has created with our members allows our national organizations to unite on shared agendas and promote America's health through nursing care, research, and science. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly and share our collective priorities. In the meantime, and as you begin your work in this new role, please let us know if we can be of any assistance by contacting the Nursing Community Coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at rstevenson@thenursingcommunity.org.

Sincerely,
Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing

¹ APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

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National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
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National League for Nursing
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society